

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

Rejection of Claims

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 and 6-10 as anticipated by Reed (4,983,242). Claim 1 was also rejected as anticipated by You (5,409,215). The Examiner indicated that independent claim 14 is allowed.

The Examiner's indication that claim 14 is allowed is noted with appreciation. It is noted that claim 14, as indicated in Applicant's response to the previous Office action, includes the combination of the limitations of the previously presented claims 1 and 4, as the Examiner indicated to be allowable. Thus, Applicants have cancelled claim 1, and amended claims 2, 3, and 5-10 to now depend from claim 14. Because the Examiner has indicated that claim 14 is allowed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, and 5-10, having been amended to depend from the allowed claim 14, are now allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that for at least these reasons, the application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 2, 3, 5-10, and 14 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

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Examiner: Raleigh W. Chiu  
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If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard E. Fichter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "F".

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